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SUBJECT: TOKYO MEDIA REACTION - AFGHANISTAN

¶1. LEAD STORIES: Top stories on Tuesday morning included an Asahi report claiming that Tokyo prosecutors are preparing to charge a former top aide to Prime Minister Hatoyama with violation of the Political Funds Control Law in connection with his alleged false reporting of a total of 200 million yen in political funds.

¶2. "Karzai Should Eliminate Corruption and Improve Public Security" The conservative Sankei editorialized (11/24): "President Karzai, whose reelection has been confirmed, launched his second administration following the swearing-in ceremony. During his inaugural speech, Karzai stated, 'In five years, Afghan troops will take the place of foreign troops in protecting the nation's public security.' However, Afghanistan is likely to face many obstacles in light of ongoing terrorist acts by the Taliban. Karzai should carry out government policies that will help to steadily reconstruct the nation. His first task is to completely eliminate corruption within the government."

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